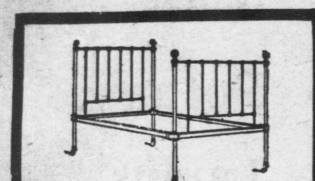


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THE KING DIAMOND

By OUTLIFE HYNE.

"He came up to me in the port alleyway that day just after lunch, wabbling about on his feet as he always did when we were in a sea way. "Mr. Horrocks," he says, with his sheepish grin, "it's a long time since we had one of our chats together. "Tis," said I, "I've been busy. I'm busy now. I'm very busy behind me with making up the ship's papers. "Ah," says he, "you've been so taken up with this yacht business that it's dragged you away from your work. It seems to have made a large amount of interest in the ship. "Oh," I said, "that lot will bet on anything. "He laughed in a weak sort of way. "Well, purser," says he, "I hope you've feathered your own nest over the affair. "I can't say I have," said I, and began to move off toward my room. "Pity that," says he, "when it's so easy. "I turned round. "How do you mean? Could you make money out of it? "Certainly I could, if I wished to, only, as you know, I consider it wrong to bet. "Then," said I, "I'm a bit sarcastically, 'you must have information which nobody else on this ship has got. "His eyes flashed over with me with a look of surprise, and a flush came into his face. He was a man who never found his sea legs. "And why shouldn't I have?" he says slowly. "Well, if it comes to that, how can you of all people know what the yacht is doing here? "Never mind, Mr. Horrocks, how I picked up the knowledge, but you can take it from me that I not only know who's on board, but I also know that yacht's exact business. "That's an asset of value," I said, and then stopped and considered a minute. "Is there any consideration that I could offer which would induce you to part with the knowledge? "My dear Horrocks," he said, "if you want to know, of course I'll tell you freely enough. I'd have told you any time if you'd asked me. Only I don't think we've seen much of one another since the yacht's been in sight. "He had me there. "It's a bit of a long story," he went on, "but if you can wait a minute or so I'll tell you now—if you think no one is likely to overhear us, standing here as we are. "Certainly not, Mr. Farren," said I. "You come right along to my room and have a cigar. You won't drink whisky, I know, but you'll have a good time and a good cigar. I'll be with you in a few minutes. "The purser of the Laconia ceased speaking and scurried a match. When it was well alight, he held the charred end of his cigar in the flame and watched it with interest. "I am afraid," he said, "that I am boring you gentlemen with all these preliminaries. I never could tell a tale well. Besides, there's one man in this smokoerom who could finish this yarn much better than I can. He knows a lot of facts about it; I have not even guessed at to now. "The eyes of the smokoerom swung round till they all converged on Pitcairn, but that excellent person for once in his life looked slightly nonplussed. The purser came to his rescue. He intimated that Pitcairn's brain was quite unequal to guessing the sequel of the yarn and again invited the only man who could finish it to do so in detail. We began to look at one another with interest. It was occurring to each of us that we must have struck up a shipboard acquaintance with some man who only a few years previously had been concerned in a very remarkable robbery, but after a cursory survey had not shown any one to appear obtrusively guilty (although for some reason we few of us seemed to be looking exactly at our best just then) a quaint feeling of restraint came over us. Each man seemed to feel that it was vaguely insulting to look at his neighbor, and eyes glanced up toward the deck above, and the smoke mist thickened, but by degrees glances were lowered and found a safe resting place on the person of Mr. Horrocks. "It was Vereker who voted the general wish. "I think, purser," he said, "we shall have to bother you. You have above you a purser's room, and it is the other man, whoever he may be, is evidently nervous of entering into competition. "The purser grinned and bit the end of his cigar. "Funny thing, Sir Randall," said he, "but Farren was nervous too. When Farren came into my room that day, I thought he would have fainted, and for a good ten minutes he sat there on my sofa with the colors going and coming from his face like the limelight in a theater. But I didn't hurry him or anything. I let him take his time and sit on the bed and watched the yacht through my porthole. "It was there in her usual place, just ahead, with about a quarter of a mile of ugly looking water between her and us, and I was counting over in my mind how I was going to make dividends out of her. "Farren roused me up by calling my name, and I told him what happened. I turned around, fairly made my meat. He was standing there with his back against the door and one hand turning the key behind him as I looked. He'd a revolver in his other flat, with the second end on the trigger, and it did not require much brains to see that, whatever else he might be, he was no blooming amateur with a gun. He was looking sick enough still, but I gave him credit he came to the point like a man. "Now I'll tell you, Mr. Horrocks, what that yacht's there for," he says. "She's come to take away the King Diamond, and I'm here to carry it across to her. I'll trouble you for that safe key which hangs at the end of your watch chain. "Well, I'll own freely I was taken all of a heap. "By heavens, Mr. Farren," I began to stammer out, "this is piracy. But he cut me short. "I quite agree with you," he answered, "but we'll take all that for said. I've got no time for talk—and it would annoy me very much to shoot you. I don't like you for yourself, Horrocks, but you mentioned you have a wife and family in London, and I've a respect for them. Turn round, please. Thanks. Now you'll quite understand that my

pistol is within a foot of your back, and if you force me to shoot you I shall just take the key and help myself. So I wait you to clearly understand that you'll only lose your life if you are obstinate through your foolish notions of being faithful to your trust and lose it quite uselessly. Kindly shift your bedclothes on to the floor. "I did it. "Now switch on that infernal alarm bell which you bragged about and open the safe. "I did that too. "The King Diamond, please. "I handed him the morocco case. I heard the two clicks as he opened and shut it to make sure the gem was all right, and then he ordered me to clasp my hands behind my neck and go out of the cabin. "I'll leave you your gaiter and a half of other gems," said he, "and you can swear that you defended them bravely if you think that will save your credit. Anyway, say what you choose, I will never contradict you. Now, outside, please, quickly. "I stepped into the alleyway, and the door slammed on my heels. I heard the bolt shoot in the lock, and I fancy it's to my credit that I didn't stay there gaping to top. I raced for the chart-house at top speed. The old man was there. He'd gone on to the upper bridge, and away I went after him. "I gave him my tale in 30 words, and instinctively we both looked toward the yacht. She had slowed down and was edging in toward our track. Beyond a doubt Farren had spoken truth. She was there after the King Diamond, and he had signaled her out of my cabin port. "But what was to be the next move we could not guess. The skipper rang 'stand by' to the engine room and waited developments with his hand on the telegraph. "My great Scott," I heard him mutter, "they're never going to have the check to board us. They'll store in half our plates if they try it on with this sea running. "I reminded him that the yacht had two knots more speed than we had. "I know that," says the old man. "By gum, this is a regular Robinson Crusoe piracy business, and the worst of it is if they come on board here with a dozen rifles we're nothing that can stop them from just helping themselves to what they fancy. He ran his eye round the horizon. There was a faint, hazy American boat away from us and a couple of steam colliers and half a dozen old wind jammers on one side or the other and not such a thing as a cruiser in sight, of course, just because we wanted to keep the yacht away from us. "That yacht's the matter with her. This isn't a sort of game a man like Lord Rayburn would play. "She's slowing down, sir," said I. "She's dropping astern of us. And I was going to say something else when a regular stream of yell broke out from our passengers, who were all leaning over the port rail to see what this yacht they had been betting about so industriously was up to. "Man overboard! There he is! By Jove, he's sunk! No, there he is again!

"Now, outside, please, quickly. "Throw a life buoy, some one! I'll Farren, that little missionary man, Farren. He jumped out through a port, just squeezed out head first. He was sucked down under the propeller. He's got an arm out. He hasn't; he's holding on to a cork belt with that arm he isn't swimming with. He isn't swimming at all; he can't swim. Look at the way he's clawing about. "The mate on watch had got a whistle between his teeth before you could say 'knife.' 'Port lifeboat!' he roared. 'Tumble aft the crew.' Then he led the way himself and went for the awning lashings with his knife. He left the bridge to the old man, and the old man rang off the engines. But a big steamer like ours carries war, and we weren't prepared, and the yacht was. They'd slowed down close by Farren, and their boat was in the water before ours had left davits, and I guess they had plucked him up and got him on board and their boat run up again before ours was half way to where the life buoy floated. "There was nothing for it. We were just helpless, and we had to see that yacht starboard her helm and steam away for the open sea, with Farren and the King Diamond, and my character, and all our crew and steamboat's blood, being credit stowed away under her hatch. The only thing we could do was to go on to Southampton and report. But we didn't much expect to recover the King Diamond that night. A man that had been shot and had pluck to drop head first out of a port into a heavy sea and risk being chewed up by the propeller wasn't the sort to give up a plum once he'd got his fingers over it. And that is about what happened. "The yacht had been run away with. She was all ready for sea and victualled for a long cruise when up comes a chap with a letter—forged, of course—written by Lord Rayburn to the skipper, and told him to accept boarder's orders in every particular. 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BANKS.

Peoples National Bank—President, G. W. W. Naudin; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Treasurer, W. G. Lockwood. Bank Building on East Main Street.

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SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Demon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. R. M. Meets every Friday night in Reynolds Building at 7 o'clock.

Wolcotts' Beneficent Hospitapha. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W. Meets every third and fifth Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL. MAY 7, 1898

Of Interest to Farmers

BEST HORSES TO RAISE.

For certain classes of horse prospects are good. A large, heavy, stylish, well bred 1800 to 2000 lb draft horse is in good demand and always will be.

The cob is wanted if well bred. He should weigh 950 to 1100 lbs, have clean limbs, high head, be a high stepper and attractive. Then the carriage horse is in demand. He should be 15.3 to 16 hands high, well bred, symmetrical, with fine hair.

Lastly the trotter or pacer, but he must be able to go nearly a mile in two minutes, and that is seldom done, but a horse that can go very fast is always salable. Raising trotting horses is a legitimate business, but it is better to let the other fellow do the campaigning.

A colt that will make a very speedy horse will give promise of it if the boy is given a chance to drive him. Every man should consult his own taste as to the class of horses he will raise, but be sure to raise the best of that class. The better way, however, is to raise horses of each class. When the demand for one class is slow the sales of another class will be brisk.

The farmer can raise the trotting horse cheaper than can the man who gives his whole time to it. Trotting bred horses make good work horses, and if used cautiously and properly, work on the farm will not injure their speed.

THEORY VS. PRACTICE.

As a general thing, theory is in advance of practice. It is not so of necessity, but it is nevertheless a fact. Theory is the forerunner of progress, but sometimes it outruns it. If there is any virtue in negligence, the farmer possesses it. Why is it that theory and practice are so often so far apart? Simply because of the dislike to change.

We have been working in a certain way for years, until we have worn quite a rut so to speak; we have had misgivings all the while that it was not the best way, but the rut held us. We attend the Farmers' Institute and there hear that which arouses us, and we know we are wrong, but the rut is deep, and it will require a great effort to get out of it. Not very often do we hear a visionary theory presented at the institute. No, it is theory reduced to a practical certainty, it being the modus operandi of the speakers themselves. To us as listeners it often looks visionary, because as we say it is surely too good to be true. A speaker tells us how easy it is to succeed on certain lines, and we listen and are sure he is right and that we too can and will do likewise.

But away from the glamour of the intellectual gathering it loses its rosy hue. We find that it takes hard work along three lines.

The first is the work proper; the second is ourselves, and the third is our neighbors.

Either one is a task but combined it seems herculean. What wonder if we so often fail? It is, however, this genuine, this practical power that has made these afore-mentioned persons what they are—leaders of the people—and we may well strive to emulate them. In a word, correct theoretical knowledge into practical as quickly as is possible.

LATE GROWN OR SECOND-CROP POTATOES.

The seed value of a crop of potatoes grown in the latter part of the season is fully recognized by all who have thoroughly investigated the subject, but just why the late grown crop is stronger and more vigorous than one grown earlier is an interesting problem, although the fact is clearly demonstrated. The reason which appears to me most evident is that the ripening of potatoes in midsummer is almost invariably accompanied by early blight, causing rot, a dying of the vines and seriously injuring the vitality of the seed. But in the latter part of the season, when the weather is cooler and when favorable conditions for blight do not exist, we get the seed with unimpaired vitality.

Acting on this theory last spring I purchased seed, which I knew was grown in the latter part of the previous season, and planting it the first week in July I raised a crop of fine, large smooth potatoes. Now there is no reason why every farmer may not have his seed of late grown potatoes if he will only take pains to do so. The keeping of the seed until time for such late planting is the main trouble, but it is easily accomplished by sun-drying, which is simply spreading the seed in a thin layer where it can receive the sunlight. It will send out strong stubby sprouts that are not easily broken off and will commence to grow the day they are put into the soil. That is what I did last year and scarcely a missing bulb could be found in the whole field and none of the tubers were affected by scab.

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There is no use suffering from this dread full malady, if you get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact you are completely run down. The only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. Try it directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or your money refunded. For Sale at Dr. H. Vaughan's Drug Store, only 50c per bottle.

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All the time, owing to impoverished blood, should take Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify and enrich the blood and give him vitality and vigor.

This condition of weakness and lack of energy is a natural consequence of the coming of warmer weather, which finds the system debilitated and the blood impure.

A good spring medicine is a necessity with almost everyone. Hood's Sarsaparilla is what the millions take in the spring. Its great power to purify and enrich the blood and build up health is one of the facts of common experience.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ad. E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds. I gave a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman. Trial bottles free at Dr. H. Vaughan's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or your money refunded.

Spring humors, boils, pimples, eruptions, sores, may be completely cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

GOOD ROADS.

General Stone, the untiring advocate of good roads, has turned his attention to the employment of convicts to prepare the material for road making.

In a recent address delivered before the National Road parliament, he alludes to the advice he gave at the road convention held at Sacramento, three years ago, in regard to the use of convict labor for preparing road material.

"They received," he says, "with great satisfaction my suggestion to put the convict at work in preparing road material. They wanted to get the benefit of convict labor and wanted to get it on the roads, but they did not want to put the convicts to work in public building roads." He says again, "I pointed out to them that right in their prison grounds at Folsom they had the best road material in the state; they had immense water power developed altogether by convict labor all ready for work; all they needed to do was to provide machinery for quarrying and crushing the rock, to be driven by that water power, and put their convicts at work preparing road materials. They took it up at once; they were fortunate enough to persuade the Southern Pacific railroad to give them low rates on the transporting of this material, and today the state of California is prepared to furnish a thousand tons of rock a day, put on the cars, at twenty-five cents a ton, all prepared for use. The railroads of California are carrying it at the bare cost of the train service required, so that the counties in the great central valley of California, where there is not a gravel stone that you can throw at a bird are being supplied with road materials, delivered at their doors all crushed, separated and prepared for use, at fifty to sixty cents a ton, less than you can buy it at any quarry in the United States.

"I see to reason why the state of New York which has 2,000 prisoners marching around for exercise to keep them from going mad, should not put some of these men at work preparing materials for distribution and transportation over the splendid waterways of that state.

"In building the Geneva road, the surfacing material is carried 350 miles by canal and river. Nor is there any reason why the state of Tennessee should not use its convicts in the same way. There is a very special value in this use of convicts. It not only furnishes materials at a low rate, but, in doing that, it stimulates road-building and leads to the employment of free labor in the actual construction of the roads. It disposes of the convict labor question; it practically disposes of the road question and it makes a demand for free labor—the labor of men and teams in putting this material out upon the roads."

Nor can there be any reason why many of the states that have idle convicts, should not employ their labor in crushing stone for roads. This cannot be done in public, but at quarries where suitable stones can be found and where the convicts could be guarded in safety, and kept from the public gaze. It would be good for the convicts themselves, and would be a great assistance in securing good roads through the country. Squads of fifty or twenty could be stationed at a quarry near to a town or city in which there was a secure prison to lodge them during the night. Some such plan would possibly be feasible and the convict labor would be secured, without any disadvantage to other laborers, who might be employed in getting the material in place and completing the roads.

But farmers should not wait for convict labor to do what must be done for the use of every honest farmer. Good roads pay for the money expended as well as any improvement made for the reclaiming and tilling of the soil, and it is only a question of time when the work should be undertaken. No outlay which the state, the county, or the farmer can make will eventually prove so profitable as money judiciously expended in constructing good roads through the country. They are becoming as necessary as the roof on a house, if you would live in it. Every rain storm and every break up only adds to the pressing necessity that something must be done. No subject of state legislation is of greater importance than this. Keep this in mind and don't wait for convict labor.

HOME REMEDIES.

For the Hiccough.—Drop a single drop of oil of cinnamon on a lump of double refined sugar. Let it dissolve in the mouth leisurely, then swallow it. This is a most pleasant and agreeable stomachic medicine which seldom fails. Cinnamon has been pronounced by many of the medical faculty to be invaluable in treating influenza.

And finally, here is a simple help for poor mothers who are distracted by bronchial coughs and colds among the little ones:

Take honey in the comb, squeeze it out and dilute it with a little water, and occasionally moisten the lips and mouth with it. It is a simple remedy, and has never been known to fail, even when the children's throats have been so swollen as to be unable to swallow.

WASHING AT HOME.

To Wash Flannel.—If flannel is rubbed hard or allowed to soak it becomes hard and thick, and if dried slowly it shrinks. Ammonia is often used in the washing of new flannels.

To Wash Black Ground Pints.—Make a solution with one-half pound of wood of Panama and three quarts of water boiled for five hours. Let it get cold and strain. Soak the black prints in this for two hours; rub with soap mixture, and well rinse in several cold waters.

Spring Humors

was well and strong. I am giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla now for eczema and the trouble is fast disappearing." Mrs. CLIXTON B. HORS, Buckingham Valley, Pa.

That pimple on your arm, those eruptions, itching and burning hives, just as surely indicate impurities in the blood, which should have prompt and careful attention, as do boils, carbuncles, ulcers, salt rheum and the severest forms of scrofula. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures all humors of the blood of every form and degree.

That Tired Feeling.

So common in the spring, is also due to the weak, thin, depleted condition of the blood. Make your blood pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and you will be strong and ready for work, will have good appetite and good health.

"My little girl was sick through the spring with typhoid fever, and after she got over it she was weak and did not eat. My husband got her a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, saying it would make her eat and give her strength—and it did. She has taken it only a short time when she

way until spring when I realized something must be done for me. I told my husband I would like to try Hood's Sarsaparilla and I began taking it. When I had used about half the first bottle I began to feel better. I enjoyed restful sleep and my appetite had improved. After taking a whole bottle I felt better than for a long time, and I was relieved of the kidney trouble. I continued taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and had no more spells of headache, palpitation of the heart or pain of rheumatism. On rising in the morning I

Feel Like Going to Work.

I am a living witness to the great merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla and have strong faith in it. My daughters give Hood's Sarsaparilla to their children when their blood is out of order and in a short time they are well. I often recommend the medicine to my neighbors for boils and that tired feeling. Since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I weigh more than I ever did in my life and my health was never better than at the present." MRS. TILMAN REED, Fort Norris, N. J.

I Was Tired

All the time and could not get rested at night, being tired in the morning as when I went to bed. I did not feel like doing my work. I lingered along in this

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Our Woman's Column

HOW TO BE GRACEFUL.

NE of the most important points in the culture of physical beauty is the attainment of a graceful carriage. Children cannot begin too young to learn how to balance their bodies and poise their heads gracefully. All kinds of bad habits may be guarded against if deportment is taught in early youth, but it is no easy matter to overcome a slovenly gait when the child has been a young woman. The art of gracefulness of carriage and gesture is far too little considered in the physical education of our children. The most beautiful woman loses more than half her charm if she strides rather than walks, swings her arms from side to side, or awkwardly moves her shoulders and hips when walking.

Grace of expression is as important as grace of movement. These little subtleties of charm seem to be natural possessions with some women, while others can only acquire them by dint of careful education. Let no woman neglect the cultivation of charm of manner. It is even a greater power than personal beauty. The most captivating women of all ages are said to have been those of pleasing manners rather than women of mere physical beauty.

NECKTIES.

The newest tie for ladies is the sailor, with the broad ends, which are so cut that they show the full pattern of the silk, and a great many pretty kinds are employed for them. Collars and cuffs and neckties assume the new fashions in the Spring. Nothing is more fashionable than a very narrow turned-down collar, which we owe to the introduction of it to stock, but not necessarily a portion of it, though the stock survives and is generally tied in a broad bow with short ends. Some of the silk shirts are made with movable collars, cuffs, and ties to match, and movable black velvet collars and cuffs are found to be most useful.

Henry Ward Beecher said that "politeness is a religious duty, and should be a part of religious training." The law of politeness applies to men and women quite as much as to children; and if courtesy and kindness and sweetness are the natural expression and attitude of the parents, these graces will naturally manifest themselves in the child. Nor will this manifestation be merely the result of imitation of outward actions and phrases. That attitude of mind which prompts graciousness of act and speech toward others is contagious just as surely as the reverse mental state. Correct deportment should not be understood, and one can hardly begin too early in childhood to